



## Fact Sheet:



# Licensing & Certification of Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Programs

## LICENSING

Residential facilities that provide non-medical alcoholism or drug abuse recovery, treatment, or detoxification services to adults must be licensed by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP). Health and safety concerns are the primary focus of the licensing process (e.g., fire clearance, food service, personnel requirements, physical environment, and personal rights.) Nonresidential programs are not required to be licensed.

Local officials may require use permits, depending on the type of residential facility involved. Licensed residential facilities serving six or fewer residents are exempt from local government regulations.

As of July 2003, 823 facilities operated under license from ADP. Applications for new facilities are received at an average rate of 9 per month.

## COMPLAINTS

ADP investigates all complaints involving licensed facilities. The Department averages 28 complaints per month.

## CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Certification is voluntary for all programs. It is considered advantageous in gaining the confidence of both potential residents and third party payers, as it signifies a program which both meets minimal levels of service quality and is in substantial compliance with state program standards. Participating programs also benefit through the associated technical assistance, training and suggestions for program improvements which are available within the state's alcohol and drug program network.

Approximately 70 percent of the licensed residential facilities are alcohol and/or drug certified. The Residential and Outpatient Programs Compliance Branch also certifies residential facilities that are licensed by the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division, the Department of Health Services, and facilities operated by the Department of Corrections.

## CERTIFICATION OF NONRESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

As of July 2003, there were 901 nonresidential programs (nonresidential programs do not require licensure) that have been granted certification.

There are an undetermined number of nonresidential drug or alcohol programs operating in the state. ADP identifies only those nonresidential programs which request certification.